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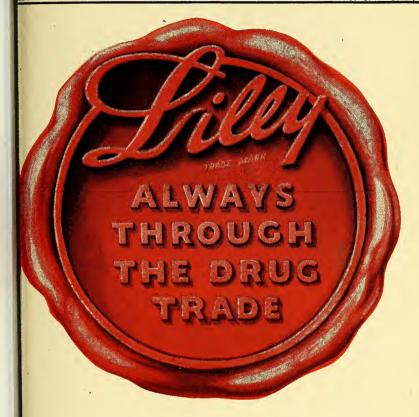
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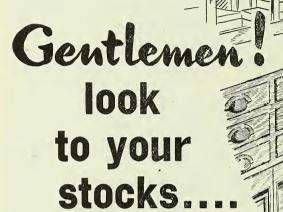
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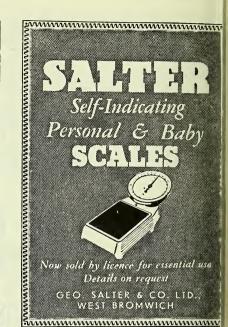
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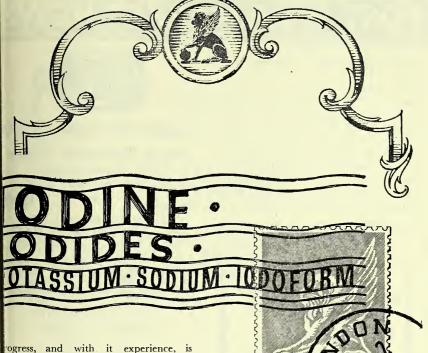
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NEWS OF THE WEEK

ostal Service to Italy.—Postal service ted to postcards and letters up to 2 lb. veight is now available to the whole of y.

ulphuric Acid Prices.—The Minister of S ply has issued a Direction (Direction 1 4) under the Control of Sulphuric Acid 2 Order, 1940, providing new maxin prices for all sulphuric acid of strengths ween 136° TW. at 60° F. and 25 per c. free SO₃ content. Copies of the Direct (S. R. & O., 1945, No. 1170) which ce into force on October 1, may be one dined from H.M. Stationery Office, pe one penny.

yrethrum Control Orders Revoked.—The
ister of Supply has made the Control
order (St. & O., 1945, No. 1163), revoking the
trol of Pyrethrum (Nos. 1 and 2) Orders
revoked Orders prohibited the acquisit
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ply holds stocks of pyrethrum flowers

which were acquired for war purposes and are now available to meet civilian requirements. Supplies of flowers (in quantities of 4 cwt.) may be obtained from the Director of Sundry Materials, Ministry of Supply, 8–10 Old Jewry, London, E.C.2. Copies of the revocation Order, which came into force on September 25, may be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office, York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, price one penny.

Molasses Orders Consolidated.—The Minister of Supply has made an Order which revokes and remakes in consolidated form the Control of Molasses and Industrial Alcohol (Nos. 11 to 17) Orders, 1941–42, with the following amendments: (1) Methanol, formaldehyde, metaformaldehyde and hexamine are released from control and licences will no longer be necessary for the acquisition, disposal, treatment, use or consumption of these commodities; (2) the maximum quantity of industrial alcohol (other than mineralised methylated spirits) which can be acquired, disposed of, treated,

used or consumed without a licence is increased from one gallon per month to sixty gallons in six calendar months. Copies of the Order (the Control of Molasses and Industrial Alcohol (No. 18) Order, 1945) (S. R. & O., 1945, No. 1184), which comes into force on October 1, may be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office.

Scottish Herring-oil Exploitation.—Plans to develop the production and marketing of herring oil, both industrially and commercially, have been outlined by the Herring Industry Board.

Thames Valley Pharmacists' Association.—Mr. I. J. Cunningham, M.P.S., 777 London Road, Hounslow, Middlesex, has been appointed secretary of the Thames Valley District Pharmacists' Association and branches in place of Mr. O. L. Crossley, who has resigned for reasons of health.

Merchant Navy Donation.—The Merchant Navy Comforts Service has received a donation of £3 from the Chance and Hunt War Charities Fund, which is supported entirely by the employees at I.C.I. (General Chemicals) Ltd., Chance and Hunt Works, Oldbury, Birmingham.

Wolverhampton Refresher Course.—Wolverhampton Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society has organised a refresher course for pharmacists at the Wolverhampton and Staffs Technical School, Wulfruna Street. Classes are held on Mondays from 8–9 p.m., commencing September 24, the fee for the course being 10s.

Glasgow Ladies' Golf.—The first meeting of the ladies' golf section of the Glasgow Pharmacy Club to take place since 1940 was held on September 13. Mrs. MacCallum presided, and the following office-bearers were elected: Captain, Miss MacEwan; Vice-captain, Mrs. Jeffrey; Secretary, Mrs. MacEwan; Committee, Misses Carruth, Peebles, Fletcher and Aitken.

Early Closing Resolution.—At a meeting of the Harrow Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society held on September 20, Mr. F. W. Adams (deputy secretary of the Society) reviewed the history of the Society's Charter. Discussion followed. At the same meeting, a resolution was passed recommending the maintenance of a 6 p.m. closing time for pharmacists, with an extra hour under a rota system.

Taunton Sunday Rota.—The Taunton Pharmacists' Association has announced a revised service for the supply of urgent medicines and surgical appliances on Sundays and other "special" days. On

these occasions a list of pharmacies which are open to give service to the public in the morning from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and the evening from 6 to 7 p.m. will be exhibited in pharmacies throughout the town. The scheme came into operation on September

Parcel Post to South Africa.—Cancellatic is announced of restrictions imposed by t Government of the Union of South Afri under which a special import permit w required for all goods (other than bona-figifts not exceeding £5 in value) sent 1 parcel post from the United Kingdom South and South-west Africa, Swazilan Basutoland and the Bechuanaland Protetorate. Goods sent to those places by parquost remain subject to British expolicensing regulations.

Purity of Penicillin.—A letter from t chief managing director of Kemball, Bish & Co., Ltd., London, E.3, appeared in t "Daily Telegraph" on September 18, which he declared that although t company's production was not large, it w on a commercial scale, and not one of ov 120 production batches that had be turned out had failed to pass the tes imposed by the Therapeutic Substanc Act. The letter was, in effect, a reply allegations made at the Trade Unic Congress, recently, by Mr. A. J. Gilli (Chemical Workers' Union), who had sa that 90 per cent. of the penicillin ber produced at "a northern factory" w being lost through failure to preve impurities entering into the product.

Factories Allocated. Government Twenty-four more Government factori have been allocated for civilian productiand three Royal Ordnance factories are be used as trading estates. This news w given by Sir Philip Warter (Controlle General of Factory and Storage Premise on September 25. It is estimated th employment will be found in the factor and estates for about 32,000 workpeop Sir Philip Warter also announced that t number of new factory building schem licensed is eighty-eight and the factories w it is estimated, provide employment f 30,000 persons. Forty-seven of the ne factories are in the north-eastern are fourteen in South Wales, six in We Cumberland and twenty-one in Scotland.

Government Research Grants.—A Wh Paper, available from H.M. Statione Office, price twopence, gives details of gran and allowances to be made by the Deparment of Scientific and Industrial Resear to research workers and students. Paymer

l be of three kinds: maintenance allowes for qualified students unable to ure from other sources the cost of intenance and training for research; ior research awards which will not norlly exceed £400 annually, plus approved for two years; and grants to investiors of acknowledged standing for arches "of exceptional timeliness and mise," in order to enable them to employ assistant and buy special equipment. basic grant in the first group is £180, a variations for students in lodgings, ording to the locality.

lue and Gelatin Orders Amended.—The ister of Supply has made the Control of e, Gelatin and Size (No. 2) Order, 1945, effect of which is to revoke and remake amendments the Control of Glue, tin and Size (No. 1) Order. Glue, tin and size are freed from control of a lisition and disposal, although treatn t, use or consumption in excess of the fi allowances under the Order—5 cwt. p quarter of edible gelatin, 6 tons in the a egate of other animal glues and gelati and 3 cwt. of fish glue—are still sub-to licences. The amounts of the merials which may be treated, used or coumed without a licence are now reckof per quarter of the year instead of per ri ing period of three calendar months. C cs of the Order (S. R. & O., 1945, N 1162), which comes into force on O ber I, may be obtained from H.M. St onery Office.

smetic Trade Association Dissolves.-A he final extraordinary general meeting of he Cosmetic and Toilet Preparations Ti e Association of Great Britain, held in Lon on September 19, Mr. R. L. Demuth in e chair, the following special resolution "That the was submitted and passed: co any be wound-up voluntarily and that At rin Thomas Aspin be appointed lic lator for the purposes of such windingup that, after payment of the costs and ex uses attending liquidation, and satisfac on of creditors' claims, the liquidator is thorised to make such payments to off rs or ex-officers of the Association as th ommittee of management shall determi; and that any surplus remaining shall be aid to the Toilet Preparations and Pe mery Manufacturers' Federation of Gr Britain, Ltd., to be applied for the ger al purposes of that society." After son discussion, it was decided to support the bllowing nominations for membership of council of the Toilet Preparations and Perfumery Manufacturers' Federation of Great Britain: Chairman, Mr. Matchan; Vice-chairman, Mr. Madden; Representatives of Small Manufacturers, Messrs. French, Ruff, Nathan and Demuth; General Members, Miss Stamp and Mr. Roberts.

Manchester Golf.—The final meeting of the Manchester Chemists' Golfing Society's season took place at Prestbury golf club on September 19, when the match was between president's and captain's teams. Dinner followed at the Macclesfield Arms Hotel, when the prizes won during the season were presented to the winners, as follows: Hough, Hoseason & Co., Ltd., prize: G. M. Evans; 2, J. W. Aves. Captain's prize: D. Millar; 2. B. Anderson. Robinson & Co., Ltd., prize (four-ball): W. Gee and P. W. Stuart. Woolley trophy and replica: F. C. Baines; 2, C. Finney. E. Griffiths, Hughes, Ltd., prize: J. H. Taylor; 2, A. E. Stubbs. Ucal trophy: S. M. Bostock; 2, H. Oldham. Votes of thanks were accorded to the president (Mr. J. H. Franklin), captain (Mr. R. N. Aitken), secretary (Mr. W. E. Phillipson) and the donors of the prizes. Mr. A. Demaine was elected captain for next season.

N.H.S. Position Today.—A good attendance of members of the Nottingham Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society on September 17 heard an address by Mr. J. C. Young (president of the Society) on the present position of the negotiations for a National Health Service. Miss M. A. Burr presided. Mr. Young declared that the new Government had thrown into the meltingpot the whole of the provisions of the White Paper and intended to start again de novo. It was the intention of the Labour party, he asserted, to have a whole-time medical service with national dispensaries, and nothing could stop the Government, with its present majority, from carrying its proposals into effect. He "frankly confessed" that he could not see what would be the position of pharmacy after the N.H.S. organisation had been set up, though a whole-time job, with security of tenure and a superannuation scheme, would, he thought, appeal to a number of young pharmacists. Mr. Young revealed that when a deputation, which included himself and Mr. Sparshott, had waited on the Minister of Health (Mr. Aneurin Bevan) recently, they had made not the slightest impression on him. Following Mr. Young's address many questions were put and comments made, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Bull and seconded by Mr. Moore.

LEGAL REPORTS

Obstruction of Sampling Officer.—At Manchester City magistrates' court, on September 12, Mrs. Irene Priest, licensee of the Wellington Hotel, Shude Hill, was fined £2 for obstructing a sampling officer in the execution of his duty. Prosecution stated that the officer demanded ten glasses of whisky and the same amount of brandy for analytical purposes. The request was refused. Defendant declared that had she been satisfied as to the officer's identity she would have supplied the spirit to the best of her ability.

Remanded for Observation.—At Salford, recently, a charge of breaking into a local chemist's shop and stealing two boxes of tablets, brought against Harold Talbot, Charlotte Street, was interrupted "as a matter of urgency" so that he could be charged, formally remanded, and taken to hospital for observation. It was stated that several tablets of hyoscine were missing from one of the boxes, and Talbot's condition was consistent with his having taken them. Two bottles of cough mixture and two bottles of herbal mixture were also stated to have been taken from the shop.

Fines for Receiving.—At Warrington county sessions, on September 19, fines totalling £110 were imposed on Arthur Baldwin, photographer, Bedford Road, Firswood, Old Trafford, on three charges of receiving sixty tins of bromide photographic paper, valued at £465, knowing it to have been stolen; receiving or detaining material contrary to the Army Act; and failing to comply with the Price Controlled Goods (Invoices) Order. He was also ordered to pay £6 4s. costs. It was alleged that the bromide paper had been stolen from a U.S. Army Air Force Station at Burtonwood by an American soldier, and delivered to defendant by a man who had been convicted and heavily fined a fortnight earlier. On three similar charges relating to twenty-seven tins of bromide paper, valued at £209, Albert Edward Hill, Press photographic printer, Shelley Grove, Droylsden, Manchester, was fined £85 and ordered to pay £6 4s. costs.

Costs Only in Saccharin Charge.—At Burton-on-Trent recently, Mrs. Alice Harrison, confectioner, Moor Street, Burton-on-Trent, was summoned at the instance of the Ministry of Food for selling saccharin tablets otherwise than in labelled packets of 100, and for selling them at a price exceeding the controlled price. It was

admitted by defendant that sacchar tablets had been put into plain packs supposed to contain 100, but one pack was found to contain seventy-five at another eighty. Mrs. Harrison admitt selling to Mrs. Roach, Church Gresk one gross packets of saccharin tablets \$\overline{1}{2}\$ \$8\$; the price of a gross sold for resk was \$\overline{1}{2}\$ 44\$. For the defence it was stat that the price Mrs. Harrison paid was \$\overline{1}{2}\$ and that that price was "a common custo in the trade." The shortage in the pla packets was due to a miscount. Defenda was dealt with under the First Offende Act and ordered to pay \$\overline{1}{2}\$ 3s. advocat fee and \$\overline{1}{2}\$ 3s. other costs.

Theft of Chemicals.—At Liverpool ju nile court, on September 20, two boys, ag sixteen and fifteen, were accused of steali a bottle of choloroform, value 2s. 6d., 1 property of a firm of fine chemical deal by which one of the boys was employed A third boy, aged thirteen, was accused receiving five bottles containing niti sulphuric and hydrochloric acids, strontil carbonate and phenol, the property of same firm, knowing them to have be stolen. A fourth boy, aged fifteen, v accused of stealing thirty-one test tub three graduated cylinders, one flask, a a box of labels, value 10s. 6d., the prope of another firm of chemical dealers. representative of the police was present a stated that the charges would probal have to be amended; a remand was ask The case came to the notice of police when a youth, aged nineteen, admitted to hospital on September unconscious and suffering from chlorofo poisoning. As the result of a stateme made by him after he revived, the two bo accused of stealing the chloroform w interviewed. The police visited the th boy and told him they had reason to belie he had received a quantity of drugs a dangerous poisons from one of the otl boys. The officers were taken to a shed the back garden fitted up like a miniat laboratory. On the shelves were 150 bott containing 143 different chemicals, includ a number of cyanides and oxalates. Th was also a quantity of laboratory equ ment, including test-tubes, retorts, th mometers, weights and measures. shed were instruction books on how make various chemical compounds, incli ing explosives and chloroform. It v alleged that two of the boys had been ma ing chloroform.

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TOPICAL REFLECTIONS

unicipal Trading

The Oldham Chamber of Trade has sent municipal subcommittee of the borough protest against the system of supplying fants' foods at welfare centres (p. 288). nis trouble has been prevalent in large ties and towns for several years past; and otests appear, so far, to have had small ect. I need hardly remind retailers that ratepayers they are subsidising these nemes of handing out foods to supposedly serving persons-schemes which are, bably without exception, carried on at loss if their administrative cost is taken One of the most serious o account. tures of this system is that it is difficult assign any limit to the kinds of goods at can be similarly supplied. In the loured Supplement to your issue of ril 20, 1940, an account was given of a omising plan introduced at Sheffield to al with the situation. It was there stated it a brand of infants' food had been pared for sale by chemists only at "a sonable price," which expression I take mean a price similar to that charged at fare centres. The success of n, we read, had encouraged its promoters proceed with other articles on the same s. Some of your Sheffield readers may be e to tell us how this venture has fared ce 1940. The query of anxious mothers, this as good as what I have been ng?" has, no doubt, been answered with phasis and, I trust, with a continuance satisfactory sales. Another point is vant. At a time when the trade of the ntry is in an unsettled state-when ne controls are coming off and, for anyng we know to the contrary, other conls may be coming on—it is important t chemists' associations should keep this stion of municipal trading on the agenda their meetings and, in association with mbers of commerce, take any action t may be feasible.

on Signs in Commerce

he action of a Glasgow public authority declining to renew licences for certain n signs which "had become landmarks he city" (p. 288) gives prominence to a stion of major public interest. As a agraph on p. 289 shows, Government rictions on the illumination of shops are in force; but when they are removed relaxed, the regulation of signs of this is will need intelligent handling. At a blic dinner several years ago a popular

dean remarked, in the course of a speech. that he liked the effect of the nightly lighting of shop fronts and other buildings; it was amusing to see the faces of the reporters brighten, and their pencils get busy, at this unexpected disclosure. In the case of pharmacy, it is not impossible that the Statutory Committee of the Pharmaceutical Society might summon any of its members alleged to have offended in this way, borrowing a formula of the Dental Board used for dentists whose exterior display was held Actually, however, the to be excessive. common sense of chemists in business should suffice to keep them from competing with less educated retailers in neon lighting. Possibly the Executive of the National Pharmaceutical Union may wish to look into the matter with a view to drawing up a flexible scheme of exterior lighting which will be attractive, distinctive and unexceptionable.

Proteins

The attractive series of articles on "The Story of the Proteins," the latest of which (p. 304) fully sustains the interest of the subject, has given facts and deductions new to many of us. It may be that a few of your younger readers are wondering how to fit this intricate subject into the scientific knowledge they have so far acquired. For their benefit I may mention two recent books by Dr. F. Sherwood Taylor, "The World of Science" and "The Science Front," in both of which proteins are among the substances discussed. They will find that Dr. Taylor has a remarkable gift of guiding his readers easily from sentence to sentence and rendering everything clear. According to him, the number of amino-acids obtainable from proteins (I quote with some hesitation from memory) is twenty-two. We may suppose that if we could combine a sufficient number of amino-acids in the right proportions we could synthesise a protein. Experiments in that direction have, in fact, been But think of the millions of such combinations that a mathematical calculation shows to be possible! Another consideration arises in this connexion. origin of life on our planet has been and is a mystery. It is permissible to indulge the speculation that the precursor of protein and of protoplasm was a series of aminoacids, originating when the earth and its atmosphere had become favourable to their formation; and that they, in turn, were synthesised from their elements. Xrayser

TRADE NOTES

Moth Killer.—The moth-killing preparation manufactured by Ozonol Laboratories, Ltd., London, N.I, is spelt Ozoline and not as previously given.

Soluble Saponine.—C. W. Field, Ltd., White Lodge, Speke Road, Hunts Cross, Liverpool, invite trade inquiries for soluble saponine powder, a product first manufactured by the company in 1899.

Distribution in Eire.—"First-class coverage" for manufacturers of pharmaceutical products is offered in Eire by M. G. Baynes & Co., Ltd., wholesale distributors, 23 East Essex Street, Dublin.

Course in Optics.—A prospectus is now available of evening courses in applied optics that commence on October 1 at the Northampton Polytechnic, St. John Street, London, E.C.1. Application should be made to the principal.

Instrument Sundries.—Luminos, Ltd., 45 Belsize Lane, Hampstead, London, N.W.3, offer a variety of lenses for various purposes, wall and photographic thermometers, tweezers, optical frames, etc., further details of which may be found on another page.

Chemicals from U.S.—The American Roland Corporation, 16 Hudson Street, New York, 13, U.S.A., offer pharmaceutical chemicals; alkaloids; hormone, endocrine and vitamin preparations; botanicals, etc., Fuller details, together with the company's cable address, are given elsewhere in this issue.

Advertising for Tonic.—Vinecta Products, Ltd., Dewsbury, Yorks, invite chemists to write for specimen labels of their products, which include Vinecta, the "superior" tonic. This product is being widely advertised in cinemas and in the Press. Profit margins are given in detail in the company's announcement in this issue.

Reduced Prices and New Strengths.—The Crookes Laboratories (British Colloids, Ltd.), Gorst Road, Park Royal, London, N.W.10, have sent a list of revised prices for Collosol auro-calcium. The preparation is issued in boxes of six ampoules in the following strengths: 10 mgm. in $\frac{1}{2}$ c.c.; 25 mgm. in $\frac{1}{2}$ c.c.; 30 mgm. in 1 c.c.; and 100 mgm. in 2 c.c.

Sole Distributors.—An announcement is made by Leciferrin, Ltd., 4 John Adam Street, London, W.C.2, that they have

taken over the sole manufacturing distributing rights of Leciferrin lecithin tonic, which is available in z bottles, on special terms, with wir w display bonuses. The product is on le Chemists' Friends list.

Back to Pre-war Packing.—It is nounced by the makers of Laneta depile that it is now again packed in collap in tubes in pre-war style. Supplies may obtained from usual wholesalers or from sole distributors, Johnson Agencies oprietaries), Ltd., Clarendon Works, Clardon Road, Croydon, Surrey, who supply the makers' other special supplies the property of the supply the makers' other special supplies the supplies and Lasheen.

Nikethamide.—An announcement by the B. L. Lemke & Co., manufacturing cheit and exporters, 248 West Broadway, Work, 13, U.S.A., draws attention to company's product nikethamide-Le which, the makers state, is a product the highest quality and uniformity, call, many users to specify the Lemke later than the product base introgen are given elsewhere in this is say

Orders for Denture Powder.—By oversight, an obsolete advertisement miles of the Denture Powder was included in The Chemist and Druggist, August 5 to 12 to 12 to 13 to 14 to 15 to 1

D.D.T. Preparations.—Leda Chemic Ltd., Alpha Works, Archway Road, Lon N.19, offer a powder insecticide contai 7 per cent. D.D.T.-Geigy. The preparation is now available for both home and exmarkets, and inquiries are invited from wholesale trade only.—Nutilis Proput Ltd., 30 Thames Street, Kingstor Thames, offer to chemists an insecticic powder or liquid form containing D. The preparation is available in two size

Portable Sun Lamps.—Perihel, Ltd., department, 17 Edge Street, London, the makers of Perihel Mixray lamps, we combine ultra-violet and infra-red to ment, draw attention to a table model separate switches for the two types of Fibre-lined joints enable the reflectors to adjusted quickly in any desired position and the reflectors are specially designed to direct parallel rays upon the patient

hotographic Lectures and Demonstras.—With lectures and demonstrations ilable to photographic societies by nson & Sons, Manufacturing Chemists, , Hendon Way, London, N.W.4, the essary chemicals are provided free. ee of the lectures—"Standardised Depment," "Aids to Better Prints" and ow to Gain Fine Grain"—are illustrated means of enlargements, and three—ow to Criticise Your Own Pictures," izewinners and Why" and "How to the a Living Picture"—with lanterness. The demonstrations are concerned time-and-temperature development fine grain in small negatives.

Business Changes

ALE, HAMILTON & Co., LTD., merchants, removed to 107 Old Broad Street, don, E.C.2.

HE pharmacy of the late Mr. Jack hanan, 22 Rosemount Avenue, Londony, Northern Ireland, is for sale as a g concern.

DWARDS, SONS & PARTNERS, LTD., have sferred their London offices to 32 itesbury Avenue, London, W.I (Telene: Gerrard 2605).

HE IMPORT LICENSING DEPARTMENT, rd of Trade, is removing on October 1 189 Regent Street, London, W.1 2 phone: Regent 4090).

OHN RONALDSON & Co., LTD., drug chants, have removed to Universal se, Southwark Bridge, London, S.E.1 cphone: Waterloo 6151).

OTT & BOWNE, LTD., manufacturing pists and distributors, are transferring head office on October 8 to Winchester se, Old Broad Street, London, E.C.2.

DUGH, KIDSTON & Co., chemical merts, have transferred their offices to reechurch Lane, London, E.C.3 (Telet: Avenue 2278). The works remain Bermondsey Square, S.E.1.

P prietary Articles Trade Association

ditions to Protected List.—Sibsul Sulphur, Sibsul skin salve, 2-oz. jar, 2os. doz., tax od. doz., inclusive retail price 2s. 9½d.; 2ose salve, 2-oz. jar, 2os. doz., tax 3s. 6d. i.r.p. 2s. 9½d.; sulphur powder, 3-oz. 1, 2os. doz., tax 3s. 6d. doz., i.r.p. 2s. 9½d. ination packs: 2-oz. jar skin salve and drum sulphur powder, i.r.p. 5s. 7d.; 2-oz. Varicose salve and 3-oz. drum sulphur lier, i.r.p. 5s. 7d.

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erations.—Stemco, Ltd., increased prices,
mber 17, Flit hand sprayers, 2s. 9d., 24s.

de (exempt from tax).

COMPANY NEWS

JOPCOS MANUFACTURING CO. (LONDON), LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £1,000. Chemists and druggists, etc. Arthur B. and Norman L. Slack, directors. R.O.: 721 Princess Road, Manchester, 20.

T. M. ASHFORD, LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £4,000. To acquire the business of a chemist and druggist carried on at 16 Market Square, Aylesbury, as T. M. Ashford. Mrs. Eva M. Ashford and Victor F. Hayman, M.P.S., directors. R.O.: As above.

W. V. Westlake, Ltd. (P.C.).—Capital £1,600. To acquire the business of a chemist and optician formerly carried on by Walter V. Westlake at 13 Church Road, Ashford, Middlesex. George Stein and Charles A. Chance, directors. R.O.: As above.

STIPENDUM STOPPER Co., LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £500. To acquire the business of manufacturers of ointment pots and composition stoppers carried on by A. R. Goldstein, as the Stipendum Stopper Co., at 3 Orange Court, Wapping High Street, London, E.I. Alexander R. Goldstein, director. R.O.: As above.

EIRE COUNCIL ELECTION

For the three Cork candidates in the forthcoming Council election of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland, the following circular has been sent out to members of the Society over the names of R. D. Clarke (chairman) and W. A. Fielding (secretary) of the Cork Centre, Guild of Pharmacy: "Recently there has been formed a Guild of Pharmacy in Cork, the objects of which are 'to foster goodwill in pharmacy and to further its social, business, and educational interests.' The Guild is fully representative of all branches of the profession. We are very optimistic of its future and hope it will spread to every county, as we feel that a general link-up of chemists is long overdue. At a council meeting of the Guild it was felt that, in view of the large number engaged in pharmacy throughout the country, the provinces should have a larger representation on the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland. With this end in view the council of the Guild has selected three candidates to contest the forthcoming election. These candidates, who represent the views of a large number of persons engaged in the profession, will uphold and safeguard your interests. We therefore confidently ask you to vote for Richard Daly, Christopher Dominic O'Shea, and Bartholomew Sullivan.'

BIRTH

Dalglish.—At Aberfeldy cottage hospital, on September 15, Anne, the wife of David Dalglish, M.P.S., Glengowlandie Cottage, Keltneyburn, of a son.

MARRIAGES

ALEXANDER — STEWART. — Within the Moray Aisle, St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, on September 3, W. Rowland Alexander, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., Ayr, to Jean Gray Helen Mary Stewart, M.P.S., 14 Graham Street, Edinburgh.

Mara—Flattery.—At St. Anthony's Church, Clontarf, Dublin, recently, Timothy A. Mara, M.P.S.I., Hollybrook Road, Clontarf, to Angela Flattery, L.P.S.I., Castlerickard, Moyvalley, co. Meath. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Malachy, brother of the bridegroom.

DEATHS

Andrews.—On April 24, Mr. Dormer Frederick Andrews, M.P.S., Pen-Inney, Lewannick, Launceston, Cornwall, aged seventy-eight.

CORRICK.—Suddenly, on September 20, Mrs. Esther Alice Corrick, the wife of Mr. A. E. Corrick (Ernest Jackson & Co., Ltd.), 15 Avenue Road, Belmont, Surrey.

Scott.—At Cruach, Queensferry Road, Dunfermline, on September 20, Mr. Henry Johnston Scott, M.P.S., Rosyth (a son of Mr. H. F. Scott, M.P.S., Inverkeithing, Fife), aged fifty. The funeral took place at Douglas Bank cemetery, Rosyth, on September 22.

SMITH.—In a flying accident on July 3, Sergeant Newton Smith, R.A.F., M.P.S., 28 Front Street, Bedlington, Northumberland, aged thirty.

SMITH.—In Wiltshire, on September 19, Sir H. Llewellyn Smith, G.C.B., Permanent Secretary to the Board of Trade, 1907–19, and chief economic adviser to the Government, 1910–27. He was the author of a "History of the Board of Trade."

STYLES.—On August 29, Mr. Alfred Thomas Styles, M.P.S., 54 Briarwood Drive, Northwood Hill, Middlesex. Mr. Styles qualified in 1908.

THOMPSON.—At Winglewood, Woodhall Road, Colinton, Edinburgh, on September 15, Mrs. Jane McNaughton Cowe Thompson, wife of Mr. Thomas W. Forster Thompson, M.P.S., 52 Bridge Road, Colinton.

WILLS

MR. FREDERICK SMITH, Ph.C., 13 Hi Street, Alcester, Warwickshire, left £12,92 with net personalty £11,506.

MR. WILLIAM JEROME BOYES, M.P.S. 61 Balham Hill, London, S.W., left £5,42 with net personalty £2,769.

COLONEL ALLEN GILBERT BARTHOLOMEY O.B.E., T.D., Hazelshaw, Downs Wa Tadworth, Surrey, a director of Chiln Ltd., and the Nitrate Corporation of Chil Ltd., left £14,035, with net personal £12,131.

SIR THOMAS WALLACE McMullan, D.1 Stoneleigh, Princetown Road, Bangor, c Down, chairman of Thomas McMullan Co., Ltd., Belfast, left personal estate Great Britain and Northern Ireland value at £86,043.

COMING EVENTS

Monday, October 1

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN PHARMACISTS, British-Czec Friendship Club, 60A Dudley Street, Birmin ham, at 7.30 p.m. Inaugural meeting.

Tuesday, October 2

SOUTH-EASTERN ASSOCIATIONS, New Cross Im 323 New Cross Road, London, S.E.14, 68 p.m. Mr. A. L. Bacharach, M.A., o "Penicillin."

Wednesday, October 3

DURHAM COUNTY BRANCH, PHARMACEUTICA SOCIETY, Lyons Café, 39 Silver Street, Du ham, at 7 p.m. "Brains trust." Questior should be sent to the secretary or brought t the meeting.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN 17 Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C.1, a 3 p.m. Opening of ro4th session of College presentation of prizes. Inaugural session address by the president (Mr. J. C. Young).

Thursday, October 4

CHEMICAL SOCIETY, Burlington House, Picca dilly, London, W.I, at 5 p.m. Dr. U. R Evans, M.A., on "Recent Work on Corrosio and Oxidation Reactions."

Design and Industries Association, County Hall, Westminster, London, S.E.1, at 6 p.m Mr. Herbert Read on "Standards of Taste.' (First of four weekly lectures.)

Manchester Pharmaceutical Association and Branch, Council Chamber, Houldsworth Hall, Deansgate, Manchester, at 7.45 p.m Discussion, "The Council Election."

Sunday, October 7

Manchester Pharmaceutical Association Ramble to Macclesfield and Bollington. Meet London Road station, 9.20 a.m. Book Macclesfield return.

PERSONALITIES

MAJOR JAMES HAMILTON HICKS, M.P.S., Victoria Street, Rothesay, attended on ptember 10 a meeting of the local town uncil, of which he is a member, for the st time after over five years as a prisoner-war in Germany.

MRS. S. W. STROUD, a member of the ottingham. Scientific Film Society, adessed the West Bridgford Branch of the ritish Legion, recently, on recent scientific prk, including the discovery of D.D.T., e sulphonamides and penicillin.

SERGEANT-DISPENSER CHARLES EGGO, A.M.C., M.P.S., 8 Union Street, Stirling, is been liberated from a Japanese prisoner-war camp. Before joining the army in 41 he was employed by Mr. William C. ule, M.P.S., Port Street, Stirling.

MR. FRED STOREY, Ph.C., president of e Chemists' and Druggists' Society of eland, and a past-president of the Pharaceutical Society of Northern Ireland, has covered sufficiently from an injury to his m to be able to return to business.

Mr. J. Eland, Padiham, received a esentation from the staff of Oxo, Ltd., ackburn, on September 22, on the occano of his retirement after forty years' rvice as representative of the company in ast Lancashire and West Yorkshire.

Two pharmacists, Miss Noreen Chrisna Roche, L.P.S.I., Killorglin, co. Kerry, d Miss Sheila Mary Kelly, L.P.S.I., pper Beechwood Avenue, Dublin, were ceived recently into the Medical Missionies of Mary at Drogheda. A pharmaceutal student (Miss Freda McKernan) was so admitted.

Mr. Charles H. Leggett, M.P.S., /allasey, has been selected as a Liberal indidate in the local municipal elections in November 1. During the war years Mr. eggett has served with the Wallasey Civil defence organisation as a first-aid party ader and instructor, and as pharmacist to the first-aid units. He is secretary of the local Pharmaceutical War Committee.

MR. J. C. Young, in his capacity as hairman of the Central Pharmaceutical Var Committee, contributed a letter to The Times" on September 26, in which he redicted a breakdown in the pharmaceutical service during the coming winter, ointed out that the Committee had done verything in its power to secure the release of enough pharmacists from the Forces to vercome the grave civilian shortage, and

placed the responsibility for the position on the Ministry of Labour.

SIR ALEXANDER FLEMING, discoverer of penicillin, is in Italy as guest of Air Marshal Sir Guy Garrod, Commander-in-Chief, Royal Air Force, Mediterranean and Middle East. At service hospitals and establishments in the Mediterranean theatre he has been seeing patients who have been successfully treated with penicillin for war wounds, compound fractures, skin ailments and injuries resulting from accidents. On September 19 he was received in audience by the Pope. Later an honorary degree of the University of Rome was conferred upon him.

Professor R. P. Linstead, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S., has been appointed director of the Chemical Research Laboratory, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. and will take up this appointment on October 1. He was formerly Firth Professor of Chemistry in the University of Sheffield and in 1939 was elected to the chair of Chemistry in Harvard University, U.S.A. During the war he returned to Great Britain, and has rendered valuable service in relation to the application of science to war problems. In 1942 he became deputy director of Scientific Research, Ministry of Supply, and during the past year has been British chairman of the combined intelligence objectives subcommittee.

CAPTAIN P. C. GONDOS, a director of A. Revai & Co., Ltd., chemical merchants, 7-8 Idol Lane, London, E.C.3, has been awarded the Military Cross. Captain Gondos was commanding a company in Burma in an operation to secure an objective 700 yards ahead. The enemy had placed ten road blocks and mines on the road, and was strongly entrenched, but the objective was captured after six hours' hard fighting. During the whole operation Captain Gondos was in front of his company directing operations, and his cheerfulness and example were an inspiration to his men. Two days later Captain Gondos' company was again in the lead when the leading troops came under heavy fire and received casualties. He dashed forward firing his Sten gun at the enemy, but was wounded in the leg and became unable to move. Though he was wounded altogether nine times, he refused to be evacuated until all the other wounded had been got out. It is understood that Captain Gondos is still in hospital in India, but is recovering and is expected to return to England shortly.

FREEZE-DRYING OF PENICILLIN

An Account of a Visit to the Greenford Penicillin Factory of Glaxo Laboratories, Ltd.

NVITED to see demonstrated an ingenious application of the technique of freeze-drying to penicillin production, a small party of visitors, including representatives of Government departments and the technical Press, was conducted round the penicillin factory of Glaxo Laboratories, Ltd., Greenford, Middlesex, on September 20. The company's chemists, profiting by considerable experience in the use of the process for other preparations, have been successful in adapting the change in the final stage of penicillin production—drying the purified substance.

Four Factories Devoted to Penicillin

It was explained at the outset that, after pilot-plant work at Greenford, the company commenced penicillin production in February 1943. A second factory went into production in February 1944, and a third in January 1945. All three factories were designed to give the greatest possible output with minimum delay. Owing to the inevitable delays involved in building new premises in this country under the conditions of total war, all were housed in requisitioned or rented premises. The surfaceculture technique was adopted, because the newer and better submerged-culture technique could not have been employed without the erection of special buildings. It is noteworthy that all the Glaxo factories have substantially exceeded the original estimates of their potential outputs. A fourth factory, larger than the others, and specially constructed to use the most up-to-date techniques, is shortly to commence operations. The crude output of the three war factories was sent to Greenford for final processing and drying. In the operation of freeze-drying, glassware apparatus specially developed at Greenford was necessarily used. Room for it had to be found in the factory by clearing areas occupied by plant in use for products of less urgent national importance. flying bomb, which scored a direct hit on the factory in August 1944, blew out a wall of the penicillin drying-room, and production in the factory, which was then producing the greater part of the country's penicillin was interrupted—for only twenty-four hours.

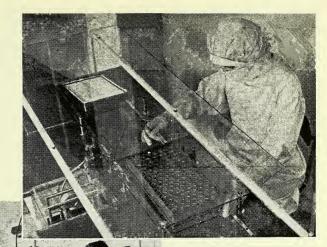
While many of the main problems of penicillin production had been already surmounted, there remained complex difficulties in presenting the drug under condi-

tions that would ensure final purity, lon life, and readiness for immediate use. Th process demonstrated to the visitors wa an attempt to meet these requirements i a preparation of the highest standard. The principle employed is first to freeze the water-content of the drug, and then t induce the ice thus formed to sublime witl great rapidity in vacuo. Passing directly into the vapour state, the ice is removed from the penicillin in its entirety, and the drug is left in a condition of extreme dry ness and purity in the ampoule. It is also in a state of flocculence and fine division so that on the addition of water at the moment of use it dissolves immediately Freeze-drying, as applied to penicillin, falls into a number of stages. Each week there are received from the Glaxo factories concentrates of the sodium or calcium salts of penicillin totalling up to 300 litres. From the stainless steel containers in which it arrives, the concentrate is passed through Seitz filters in glass flasks, thus ensuring complete sterility. Sterilised vials are next filled under conditions of high asepsis. The vials, still open, are packed under fine cotton fabric, specially made to prevent bacterial contamination while permitting evaporation. In the freeze-drying operation the penicillin is first frozen in a specially designed low-temperature refrigerator, and is then transferred to the desiccator, delivered in exactly measured amounts, and sealed with rubber and metal caps. Then, labelled and packaged, it is ready for long storage or immediate use.

Tour of the Factory

For reasons of space, a detailed description of the many ingenious processes witnessed by the visitors during their tour of the factory is not practicable, but some of the main points will be briefly described. After the reception and storage room, where the containers of penicillin concentrate are received from the factories, the washing and sterilising room was next visited. Here, automatic vial-washing equipment is to be installed, but until it is available the vials are washed by hand, and the washed vials transferred to stainless steel trays fitted with lids. These are sterilised and dried in the electric ovens. The special fabric tray-covers which are used during the drying process, and rubber stoppers that will be used in the finishing room, are also sterilised in this department.

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Top: Semi-automatic charging of vials with penicillin.

Left: One of the latest types of freeze-drying units.

Below, left: Loading a freezedrying unit.

Below, centre: Control panel, low-temperature freezing plant.

Below, right: Freeze-drying control panel.





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In the filtration room, batches of the penicillin concentrate are sterilised by Seitz filtration. Samples are taken aseptically, and checked for pH potency and dry-substance content. Temporarily, penicillin which has been dried in bulk in glassware apparatus is transferred in this room from drying flasks to bulk storage containers. For this operation the aseptic transfer cabinet is used. Visitors are not permitted to enter the filling room, but the operations may be viewed through glass panels. Semiautomatic charging of vials is here carried out under aseptic conditions. When all the vials in a container have been charged, the next operation is the fitting of a sterile cover.

Drying Room

The charged, covered containers are first cooled to 2°C. in the cold room. They are then transferred to the deep-freeze cabinet, which takes the temperature to below - 50° C., many degrees below the freezingpoint of the penicillin solution in the vials. The drying operation then follows. frozen containers are loaded into the head of each desiccator, which is then closed and sealed. Air is exhausted from the chamber by two double-stage high-vacuum pumps, connected to the chambers by a manifold in such a way that either or both pumps may be employed to exhaust any or all of the chambers. It is possible to produce a vacuum of o.o. mm. of mercury. In the bottom of the chamber a condensing coil is maintained at -50° C. by a special refrigeration plant employing as a refrigerant the recently introduced Freon 22, which makes it possible to achieve this low temperature at only one stage of compression. So soon as a sufficiently high vacuum has been reached, ice evaporates from the frozen solution in the vials without melting, and condenses on the coils. As a result, the solution tends to cool still further and, since it would eventually reach the same temperature as the coils and evaporation cease, it becomes necessary to heat the vials. For this purpose, accuratelycontrolled electric radiant heaters are mounted in the head under each container. Even with a heat input equivalent to the presence of a medium-sized electric fire in the chamber head, evaporation is so rapid in the vacuum that the material remains frozen at - 20° C. until all the water has evaporated. A thermostat automatically controls the heaters, and allows the temperature to rise at the end and remove the final traces of moisture.

Continuous Temperature Record

To facilitate control of the plant sestablish a permanent record of the dry sestablish and the dry sestablish as permanent record of the dry sestablish as permanent record of the plant sestablish as permanent record of the dry sestablish s condition for each batch of material small thermocouple is placed in one and another on the condensing coils. The are connected to a thermograph will registers both temperatures on one gr 1 att and provides a continuous record of drying temperature and a check on said performance of the refrigerator. * 137 of thermographs, together with electrical control instruments for the heaters, safety devices, are grouped on a central control panel, from which it is possible be than follow the progress of the whole operati When drying is complete, filtered air admitted to the chamber and the vials dry solid still in their protective contain are removed and passed to the finishi room, or stored in evacuated second desiccators in the presence of a desicc until required. The final process compri finishing and packing, in which the villad are plugged with dry sterile rubber stopped in The operation is performed in a closs wis cabinet by gloved operators. The vials now subjected to final tests for poten and sterility, absence of toxicity and pyroge moisture, etc., and when passed are sea with special metal closures, labelled, a packed. In the design of the freeze-dry plant Glaxo Laboratories, Ltd., receiv helpful advice from Medical Research Cou cil experts, particularly Dr. R. I. Graves, of the serum-drying unit Cambridge.

Control Laboratories

An important part of the factory devoted to the penicillin control laborator which discharge four main function (1) Evaluation of raw materials used the preparation of media, together w research on the development of improv media; (2) control of potency, includi the assay of concentrates and final dri penicillin preparations; (3) distribution standard penicillin solutions to producti plants; and (4) maintenance, control a distribution of pure cultures of Penicilliu and testing of new strains. In the separa laboratory set aside for the preparation experimental media, the standard culti flasks could be seen being filled, plugged a sterilised by autoclaving, following t procedure used in the factories, except th different-coloured, non-absorbent cott wools are used in plugging to form a k to the different treatments. After inocul

with a standard quantity of a pure ension of Penicillium spores, the flasks ncubated at a controlled temperature ·5° C. for periods of seven to ten days. amount of penicillin formed is estimated le assay laboratory and, since a series c replicates is carried out on any given rimental treatment, the results can be sed statistically and significant impi ements in penicillin yield detected. tency of the penicillin is controlled for butine assays by a modification of the rd cup method. Owing to the comrive nature of penicillin assay, it is sary that a carefully prepared standard d be available for use and distribution to I factories at regular intervals. th purpose a Glaxo working standard programmer, evaluated in terms of the sional British standard, is maintained reenford, and solutions of the working st lard are dispatched to all production co ol laboratories at regular intervals dig each week. The standard material is eserved at refrigeration temperature in se I ampoules, which also contain a small ar Int of silica gel for desiccation; weighed les of the preparation are appropriately di ed and a cross check is made of their

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Micaining Viable Cultures

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s state the spores remain viable and
for many years. The ampoules are

stored over phosphorus pentoxide *in vacuo*, and form the "master" cultures from which all production cultures are obtained. A series of "sub-master" cultures is prepared from the ampoules every day. They are grown on nutrient agar slopes, under careful observation, for seven days at 23·5° C., and then dispatched to production units, where they are used for "seeding" the large numbers of sporing flasks at the spore "farm." A small *Penicillium* spore "farm" is also maintained in the mould culture laboratory for the provision of spore suspensions required for research work.

REFRESHER COURSES

The following letter on refresher courses and further education has been sent to all pharmacists in demobilisation groups I-23 inclusive who have returned to the Pharmaceutical Society the form previously sent out to them by the secretary:—

... We regret that the number of pharmacists falling within the earlier demobilisation groups has made it impracticable to arrange refresher courses to be held in a number of schools of pharmacy at the same time. Arrangements have been made for courses to commence in the following centres on the dates indicated:—

CHELSEA POLYTECHNIC, November 5.
MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY, November 19.
MERCHANT VENTURERS' TECHNICAL COLLEGE, BRISTOL, November 26.

GLASGOW ROYAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE, January 7.

BIRMINGHAM CENTRAL TECHNICAL COL-LEGE, January 7.

The courses will be full-time, and of four weeks' duration. Application for admission to any of them should be made to the secretary, Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 17 Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C.1, and the envelope marked "Refresher Course."

The fee of f to ros. will be payable direct to the college at the commencement of the course, and I would take the opportunity to remind you that the Government's further education and training scheme provides for grants to be made in certain circumstances to an ex-Service man, for a refresher course to enable him to follow his previous career. The prescribed form of application for such a grant may be obtained from the Appointments Department of the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Sardinia Street, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.

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"De Novo"

HARMACISTS will have been to some extent repared for the announcement, made by ne president of the Pharmaceutical Society nd recorded in a news paragraph in this sue (p. 315), that negotiations regarding ne position of pharmacists in any National lealth Service to be set up must start all ver again. The matter was implicit in an urly declaration of the new Minister of lealth, to which abundant publicity was ven in the Press, that any agreement reviously reached between the Government nd the medical profession had been incelled by the General Election, and nat a new series of negotiations would have take place.

What will, however, cause surprise and ain among pharmacists is Mr. Young's atement that when he and a representative f the company chemists called on Mr. evan they made "not the slightest mpression" on him. If this is a legitimate immary of what took place, it is indeed splorable. A Minister with a closed mind ould at last reduce to hopelessness those ho have laboured to bring about pharacy's advancement. We are so bold, owever, as to express the hope that the inister was only exercising that caution hich any normal person would feel in thing over from a predecessor.

The pessimistic tone of the whole of Mr. oung's address will not be overlooked.

He did not express in so many words a belief that the Government will not now make use of existing pharmacies in a national pharmaceutical service, but the inference seems inseparable from reference to "a whole-time job, with security of tenure and a superannuation " It is appreciated that the Labour Party, whose proposals for a national medical service were available for study long before the White Paper was published, favours the development of health centres. Its views on the subject can obviously, as the president points out, now be given concrete effect. The necessary Parliamentary majority is forthcoming, and uncompromising opposition to the spread of health centres may prove unprofitable.

However, as we see it, that has never been the attitude of the craft. If pharmacists press forward to secure the guarantees that dispensing, whenever and wherever carried out, is in the hands of qualified persons, they have every prospect of a successful outcome to the negotiations, for such a safeguard is so easily shown to be in the public interest. Material considerations like housing priorities for bricks and mortar may serve to prevent any rapid undermining of existing pharmacies by the construction of "national dispensaries." There are other vital considerations which any Government, of whatever colour, must take into account, such as the relative costs of alternative methods and the fact that there are not enough pharmacists outside the shops, and cannot for many years be enough, to supplant shopkeeperpharmacists as the nation's dispensers.

It is too early, without further pronouncements showing more clearly what is in the mind of the Minister, and some indication of how the negotiations with the doctors develop, to suggest with any very firm definition the outlines of a new scheme to be put up to the Minister by the spokesmen for pharmacy. We can at least encourage the Joint Committee on a National Pharmaceutical Service not to be too pessimistic, bearing in mind that they, too, put the public welfare first, and that there is a solid nucleus of support for them in a tolerably well-organised profession. To make quite sure that their morale is

intact, however, we do suggest that they should now adopt a course we have often advocated. They should widen the basis of their membership to include all interested parties within the craft. If they do this, we have not the slightest doubt that they will find solid support among all ranks.

News of Penicillin at Last

The veil that has concealed the production of penicillin in Great Britain during the war-to which reference was made recently in these columns-was partly lifted on September 20 (see p. 329) by Sir Cecil Weir (Director-General of Equipment and Stores at the Ministry of Supply). It now becomes possible to examine something of what has been done by British manufacturers to meet the enormous demand for the drug. War-time conditions have, of course, held back British production, vis-à-vis that of the United States, but the statement suggests that this state of affairs will not persist when plans now proceeding come to fruition. On the contrary, Britain will soon have in operation the largest penicillin production unit in the world, and it will not be long before output is on a comparable basis with that of United States manufacturers.

While Sir Cecil Weir's remarks are exceedingly helpful, inasmuch as they give a clear indication that British production of penicillin is progressing with all possible speed, they fall short of answering two important questions regarding the drug that are being asked in responsible quarters. It is not known, for example, at what approximate date penicillin will be available without restriction for general medical use although, in view of enhanced production facilities, such a development cannot be long delayed. With regard to export trade in British-made penicillin, the only fact that has recently come to light is a statement from the Board of Trade (p. 333) that an export licence will be required.

The opportunity was taken by Sir Cecil Weir, on September 20, to contradict statements that have appeared recently regarding the liability to infection of penicillin in course of manufacture. Liability to infection is not, of course, denied; it is a misfortune that is particularly prone to

occur in fermentation processes, especial under novel working conditions. Knowledge of such a danger is, however, very larger its own safeguard, and the Governmen spokesman was able to make it clear the adequate precautions are being taken be manufacturers to maintain absolute steri ity at every stage of production.

Stranger than Fiction

There may be no limits to what a journalis is called upon to do in the quest for new: but surely one of the queerest of self imposed missions was that of a "Dail Express" staff man who set out recently to test the truth of a "truth drug" story Theoretically such a drug should have mad no difference to him, unless he was a leade writer, for there is an age-old tradition in journalism that "the news is sacred," meaning that wherever else one indulges in romance, one adheres to strict truth in the news columns. Even if there are paper that no longer recognise the precept, we imagine there must be few journalists, ever today, who would care to admit that a dose of sodium pentothal could have the slightes effect in modifying their story as written.

However, the journalist in question submitted himself to questioning under the influence of the drug. His reactions are not without interest, but it may be stated at once that his main question remains unsolved, for "at the end of the ten minutes test he had no idea what he had said, though aware that he was answering without a moment's hesitation. Unfortunately, his answers were "such as he would clearly never have given without fencing, but for the drug." Truth under such conditions may prove too embarrassing either to print or to quote in Court, and polite fictions may be preferable. In fact, neither as a guarantee of veracity nor as a method of testing is the procedure to be commended for adoption with other compounds. The recognised channels of research remain the best; truthful the lay "guinea-pig's" intentions may be, but his recorded reactions, given in untechnical language, may often prove a grotesque caricature of scientific truth. They may indeed be "stranger than fiction," and the more so for being the outpourings of a man with the gift of words.

ENICILLIN PRODUCTION: AN OFFICIAL VIEW

T a luncheon that followed the visit of overnment representatives and the Press the penicillin factory of Glaxo Laboraties, Ltd. (p. 322), at which the visitors ere welcomed by Mr. H. Jephcott, Ph.C. nanaging director), a statement on penillin production was made by Sir Cecil Veir (Director-General of Equipment and tores, Ministry of Supply). Sir Cecil Weir id:—

I have been very interested in the emonstration we have witnessed this orning. Messrs. Glaxo are to be congratuted on the splendid work they have done developing the production of penicillin the United Kingdom. They are now inning three factories, and will shortly be pening a fourth, in which they will be itroducing the very latest production rocesses and from which we anticipate ney will obtain a large output of this hiraculous drug. Penicillin is very much the public eye, and I am glad that we an now talk more freely about the firms hich are making it. During the war, hen key installations were open to enemy ttack, it would have been wrong to divulge iformation relating to the location of the ictories concerned, but today we need not ave any such inhibitions, and can indeed e proud to disclose how many leading nanufacturers in this country are engaged n the production of the drug.

argest Production Unit for Britain

Penicillin was, as you know, a British iscovery, and it is to Sir Alexander leming that the world owes this great oon, and to Sir Howard Florey, Professor Raistrick, and other distinguished scientists, hat so great a debt is owed for its developnent. My own Ministry has no reason to onceal its connexion with the initiation of roduction in this country. When it became vident in 1942 that factory production as a feasible proposition we gathered the otential manufacturers and the interested cientists together and, as a result of the eam-work then instituted, production is ow under way or about to commence in welve factories, run by eight firms which re world-famous in the pharmaceutical eld or in fermentation processes. Britain vill soon have in operation the largest enicillin production unit in the world at peke, Liverpool, and one of the largest at Barnard Castle, co. Durham, the latter to e run by Glaxo Laboratories, Ltd. In 942 and succeeding years, Britain's resources in building and operational labour, not to speak of scientific and technical staff, who were much preoccupied with other war activities, were so strained that this country could not expect to make the same rapid progress in the early days of the programme as was achieved in the United States, which started production simultaneously with the United Kingdom, and with whose scientists and manufacturers close touch has been maintained throughout.

U.S. Production to be Equalled

It will not be long before Britain is producing on a comparable basis with her American friends. It is gratifying that, thanks to the good relations which have existed with the U.S.A., and to the Lend-Lease arrangements, this country has shared with America, for military purposes, the greater production which that country was able to obtain during the war. The history of penicillin production during the war has much in common with that of the atomic bomb, in which British and American science co-operated, but of which the production was located in U.S.A. owing to the much greater facilities there available, and to their freedom from bombing. In the case of penicillin, happily it was not necessary to go so far, for it was possible to plan a substantial production in the United Kingdom, and this is now expanding rapidly.

Sterility Safeguards

I have seen references in the Press to the liability of infection in the course of manufacture. This danger always exists in any fermentation process, particularly in the early development of a new factory, but you may take it from me that every precaution is taken by the manufacturers to maintain absolute sterility in the course of production. Suggestions that a great deal of penicillin is affected by infection might give rise to a serious misconception. The trouble, when it occurs, is trapped before ever penicillin is produced, and the quality of the finished product cannot, therefore, be in question.

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EMPLOYEE PHARMACISTS PLAN NEW COUNCIL

Resolutions supporting the formation of a National Council for Employee Pharmacists, and calling on the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society to provide facilities for forming employee-pharmacist sections within the framework of the branch organisation, were carried at a meeting of employee pharmacists held at Bloomsbury Square, London, on September 20. The object of the meeting was to create, on a provisional basis, a single body of employee pharmacists. The advertised chairman (Mr. I. F. McNeal), being prevented from attending by a motor accident, the chair was occupied by Mr. J. Ross-Mansell, who welcomed those present, who had travelled, he said, from all over the country to take part in the proceedings. Following correspondence in the pharmaceutical Press, and in reply to letters sent to members of the various craft organisations, over 2,000 replies expressing whole-hearted approval of the aims of the meeting had been received. Mr. Ross-Mansell read excerpts from correspondence with the Minister of Health, who had expressed his interest in the proposals. He appealed to members present, and to the large number of pharmacists unable to attend, to rise above personal and sectional prejudices, and to endeavour to achieve craft unity. Many attempts in the past, he said, had failed, and although he could give no assurance that the present attempt would be successful, the response at the present juncture was heartening, and the work would go on. Many proprietor pharmacists had expressed sympathy.

Apathy to be Overcome

Declaring that the apathy of the profession towards its future must be overcome, MR. W. E. PHILLIPSON, Manchester, said the balance of representation must be restored before pharmacists could, with any confidence, claim their dues. By some means or other a body must be formed that was representative of every section of pharmacy, a body that would see the problems of each section against the background of a common He suggested that the only body that could fulfil these functions would be the proposed National Council of Employee Pharmacists, and he was sure there were enough men and women within the Society possessing the energy and vision to carry through such an organisation to triumph.

Making it clear that the proposed Council was not sponsored by any existing organisation, Mr. G. H. Armitage said he had

striven for years to secure unity, and had been dismayed at the sectional groups that had arisen and failed to arouse any grea support. He appealed to organised pharma cists, and to the large reservoir of un organised members of the Society, to ge together within its framework. John Bell while working for the foundation of the Society, had said, "In every place then are a few who take a lively interest in the advancement of our profession, there are a few who are satisfied with our present state of mediocrity and are indifferent to any improvement, but the majority appear to hesitate upon the threshold, unwilling to take a decision, but convinced of the neces sity for some regulation and only waiting to see a commencement made before they take the field." These words, said Mr Armitage, were as true today as when they were uttered, and he asked pharmacists to remember their obligations to their comrades in the Forces who had expressed a desire for action to be taken on their behalf.

Two Resolutions

Discussion followed, during which an assurance was given that the proposed Council would not interfere in trade-union activities. A resolution "that this meeting supports the formation of a National Council of Employee Pharmacists" was proposed by Mr. Key, seconded by Mr. Grainger, and carried unanimously. The second resolution was passed with one dissentient. It was in the following terms: "That this meeting calls on the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain to provide the necessary facilities for the formation of employee pharmacists' sections within the framework of the branches." The proposer was Mr. Armitage and the seconder Mr. A. T. Lewis, Cheshire.

The Chairman announced that a copy of the second resolution, together with the signatures of some of the members present, would be forwarded to the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society. Members present resolved to instruct the acting organising committees to continue as at present constituted, and it was requested that all communications should be sent to 25 St. Margaret's Road, Edgware, Middlesex. The chairman hoped all present would help by seeing that delegates were appointed.

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PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF NORTHERN IRELAND

MR. CHARLES ABERNETHY, Ph.C. (president) occupied the chair at the monthly meeting of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland, held in Belfast, on September 7. Also present were Messrs. James McDowell (vice-president), J. W. Gray, J.P. (treasurer), H. H. Cowzer, James Donaghy, S. H. Forrest, F. J. Grimes, J.P., James Irwin, F. Moore, H. F. Moore, H. T. Nicholl, and Professor E. B. C. Mayrs, M.D. Mr. D. L. Kirkpatrick (secretary) was in attendance.

Deputy to Secretary

Mr. Kirkpatrick read the report of a committee appointed to make out a short ist of applicants for the position of deputy o the secretary. The list, which contained wenty-eight names, had been reduced to our, namely, Lieutenant W. Gorman, Messrs. G. McCloy, J. McClenahan and H. Gwynne. The first three, who attended n person, were interviewed by the Council; on a vote being taken, the position was given o Lieutenant Gorman. The Secretary ulso reported that Miss Roulston (office ssistant), who had temporarily left the Society's employment for the duration of he war on enlistment in the Women's Royal Naval Service, was now being lemobilised, but would not be taking up er duties again as she was getting married. recommendation from the Finance Comnittee that the present temporary office ssistant (Miss Kennedy) should be retained t a salary of £3 per week was endorsed by he Council.

A recommendation from the Education ommittee that the examinations should e held in the third week in December was greed to.

Regulations Under Medicines Act

The Council considered the adoption of he Regulations made by the Minister of lome Affairs under Sections 30 and 32 of he Medicines, Pharmacy and Poisons Act N.I.), 1945. After careful consideration he Regulations were agreed to, with ninor amendments. Mr. J. N. Patterson inspector) was in attendance, and Mr. S. Dale (chairman, Londonderry Chemists' association) was present by courtesy of the resident.

The following pharmaceutical representaives on the Council, who were due to retire, ffered themselves for re-election: Messrs. I. H. Cowzer, J. W. Gray, J.P., J. McGregor, nd W. C. Tate. There being no other nominations they were re-elected. Messrs. James Irwin (a former member) and Harold J. Nelson (a new candidate) were returned unopposed as druggists' representatives, there being no other candidates.

Londonderry Visit

The meeting was then adjourned until September 13, when the members met in Londonderry. In the absence of Mr. J. W. Gray, J.P., the financial statement was read by THE VICE-PRESIDENT (Mr. James McDowell) and considered most satisfactory. On the motion of Mr. J. McGregor, seconded by Mr. S. H. Forrest, the Council agreed that it should be adopted, printed and circulated. The Council also assented to a proposal by Mr. McGregor that the annual meeting of the Society be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, October 1.

The following were appointed to act as scrutineers of the ballot at 11 a.m. on October 1: Messrs. H. F. Moore, James McDowell, H. T. Nicholl and D. L. Kirkpatrick.

Local Welcome

The Council members were present by invitation of the Londonderry Chemists' Association and included Messrs. Charles Abernethy (president), James McDowell (vice-president), J. Donaghy, H. T. Nicholl, J. Irwin, J. McGregor, S. H. Forrest, James Glendinning, H. H. Cowzer, H. F. Moore, Professor E. B. C. Mayrs, M.D., and the secretary (Mr. D. L. Kirkpatrick), with their wives and members of their families. The visitors were welcomed to Derry by Mr. S. Dale (chairman, Londonderry Chemists' Association) and Miss Dale, Association) and Miss Dale. Mr. E. D. Barr (vice-chairman) and Mrs. Barr, Mr. E. C. Steenson (secretary) and Mrs. Steenson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Blair, Messrs. S. E. Campbell and D. Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. H. Craig, Messrs. A. E. Dickson, W. A. Gamble, James Glendinning (an ex-president of the Council), Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Young. Others present included Mrs. Buchanan, the Misses A. Burns, M. Byrne and P. Coulter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Donaldson, Mr. T. Hamilton, Miss M. Heney, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lee, Mr. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. D. McCafferty, Miss N. O'Donnell and Mr. Pat Shiels.

The programme included a walk around the historic walls and a trip on the Foyle, which permitted a view at close quarters of surrendered U-boats with their crews. Some members of the party preferred a visit to the centuries-old cathedral, and were conducted through it with the Dean as their guide. After tea, Mr. S. Dale again warmly welcomed the members of the Council, and Mr. C. ABERNETHY, in reply, said it was not necessary for him to go into details about the Society's activities. During the year members had been busily engaged with the new Pharmacy Bill, whose passing they believed to be a forward step. Now that their work upon it was finished, they were pleased to accept the kind invitation of their Derry friends to that delightful reunion in the "Maiden City." He took the opportunity of thanking Mr. Glendinning, their popular representative on the Council, for his helpful suggestions and sound advice. He was a man of integrity, a valuable colleague, and a staunch friend. On behalf of the Council he thanked

them all for the royal welcome they received and for the interesting program that had been supplied for their enterta ment. All the members loved to come Derry because they always enjoyed the selves so much. With the ending of war a new era was opening, with fr opportunities and a much extended sph of influence. He believed the Council wo continue its quiet but useful and succes: work for its members and associates. (note of regret he would mentionimpending resignation of their secret (Mr. Kirkpatrick). Mr. Kirkpatrick I been a great friend of the Council and members, and they would greatly miss h He knew that Mr. Kirkpatrick did not 1 flattery, but all admired his untiring w for the welfare of the Pharmaceut Mr. E. Barr (vice-chairm Society. Londonderry Chemists' Association) spoke.

IRISH NOTES

Eire Pharmacy Students.—At a meeting of the Eire Pharmaceutical Students' Council, held recently in Dublin, it was reported that, as a result of representations made to the officers and Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland, several adjustments in the examinations had been secured. A ruling had also been secured upon the use by students of the front entrance to the Society's premises.

Irish Chemists' Golf.—The Irish Chemists' Golfing Society held a successful outing to Rathfarnham golf club on September 12, when competitions were held for prizes presented by Steel Products, Ltd., Scott & Turner, Ltd., and Northam Warren, Ltd. The winner of the first game, an eighteenholes strokes competition, was Mr. Peter Kelly (20), with 67, and the runner-up was Mr. J. F. Walsh (9), with 68. In the bogey competition the winners were: Mr. M. L. Cashman (16), all square; Mr. M. Daly (19), down; Mr. E. MacManus (16), two down; Mr. J. Murray (14), two down; and Mr. W. F. M. Keys (23), two down. Mr. Stanley Savage presided at a supper at the club house and presented the prizes. A vote of thanks to the donors of prizes was passed on the motion of Mr. P. Kelly, seconded by Mr. J. F. Walsh. Thanks to the Rathfarnham club was passed on the motion of Mr. Cashman, seconded by Mr. Daly. The next and final competition of the Society for the season will be at Elm Park Golf Course on October 10, for the trophies presented by Kodak, Ltd.

Ulster Chemists' Golf.— The Ulster Che ists' Golfing Association, on September held its first annual competition for R. J. Groves Memorial cup, presented Mr. W. B. Groves in memory of his fath The cup was won by Mr. T. Currie, Belfa who beat Mr. T. McCann, Castlewellan, the nineteenth green. During lunch business meeting was held, when secretary read apologies from the president (Mr. F. D. McMullan) and from Mr. A. Shaw. Mr. W. J. Rankin presided. secretary read draft rules prepared by special subcommittee, explaining the reas for formally setting up the Association Mr. Rankin reviewed the course of chemists' competitions since 1918, wh he and Mr. McMullan had invited a f chemists to join them in a friendly game Greenisland. The following year Th McMullan & Co., Ltd., had presented a c which was won outright a few years lat Messrs. McMullan then presented a p petual challenge cup, and the competiti for the trophy had been played each ye until early in the war. Mr. Rankin pressed pleasure in having a cup from 1 Groves. The draft rules were approved the rules of the Ulster Chemists' Golfi Association. Mr. Groves received a vo of thanks. Messrs. W. B. Groves a W. J. Rankin were unanimously elect vice-presidents of the Association. Winne vice-presidents of the Association. in the afternoon bogey competition we Messrs A. A. Harding, Lisburn, and J. Watt, Bangor.

EXPORT CONTROL RELAXATIONS

ORTANT relaxations in the restrictions exports, side by side with a few additions he list of controlled items, are announced in Export of Goods (Control) (No. 7) er, 1945 (S. R. & O., 1945, No. 1146), ch came into operation on September 24, hinery, with certain exceptions not of rest to the drug trade, has been released a control. Instruments and apparatus, et surgical instruments and appliances, ain cinematograph cameras and lamps, tacles and lenses, are now free.

gs and Chemicals Deleted from List

rug and chemical items deleted from the of products to which export licensing rictions apply include the following, n from the "Board of Trade Journal" tember 22). Items marked with an risk have been deleted in part only, therwise modified.

ROUP I.—Cassava root; maté; rennet;
es, etc.; *spice seeds, etc.; saccharin, etc.
ROUP 3.—Casein, etc.; *gums, etc.; *waxes,

ROUP 13.—Acetaldehyde; acetals; acetaniacetic acid; acetic anhydride; acetone, one oil and methyl acetone; adonitol; ne; amidopyrine; 2-aminopyridine and alts; mono-ammonium phosphate; amyl ite; amyl alcohol; amyl salicylate; amylte and its salts; aniline (aniline oil) and alts; anilines, alkylated, and their salts; tious chloride; benzaldehyde; benzidine its salts; *benzoic acid, etc.; benzoyl ide; benzyl chloride; bromine; butyl te; butyl alcohol; butyric acid, etc.; ium mass; cadmium sulphide; caffeine sodium benzoate; caffeine and sodium e; caffeine and sodium salicylate; calabar calcium acetate; calcium arsenate; um carbide; carbromal; carrageen moss; biose; cellulose acetate; *cellulose nitrate cellulose), etc.; chloracetic acid; chlor-*chlornitrobenzene; cinchophen; tar products:-benzol and benzene, arone and its liquid polymers, high-boiling cids, indene and its liquid polymers, naphsolvent and heavy, quinoline and its salts, ne and its liquid polymers, toluol and ne, xylol and xylene; *cobalt compounds; er sulphate; cyclohexanol; cystine; diacealcohol; 4:4' diamidinodiphenoxypen-; 4:4' diamidinodiphenoxypropane; 4:4' idinostilbene; diethanolamine and its , etc.; diethyl diphenyl urea (carbamite or alite); dimethyl diphenyl urea (carbaor centralite); dimethylaminoethanol and alts; divinyl ether; ergotamine and its ; ergotoxine and its salts; erythritol; (sulphuric); ethyl alcohol; ethyl cyanite; ethylene dibromide; ethylene dichloride lorethane); formaldehyde; gall nuts;

gentian and its extracts; glycogen; H-acid (amino naphthol di-sulphonic acid); hamamelis leaves; hexamine and its salts; ichthammol; inositol; *insecticides, fungicides, weed-killers, etc.; isopropyl acetate; isopropyl alcohol; lactic acid, etc.; lactide; liquorice root and its extracts; litmus and its preparations; mannose; melezitose; melibiose; methyl acetate; methyl alcohol (including wood spirit); methylated spirit; naphtha, wood; naphthalenes, chlorinated; naphthols; naphthylamines and their salts; neoarsphenamine; neohalarsine; nitranilines and their salts; nitrobenzene (oil *nitrophenol; *nitrotoluene; of mirbane); œstradiol and its esters; æstrone and its esters; organic thiocyanates, etc.; ouabain; acid; . *parachlormetaxylenol and oxalic preparations thereof; paraformaldehyde; parathyroid; phenazone and its salts; phenol-phthalein; phloroglucinol; *picric acid; potassium chlorate; potassium guaiacolsulphonate; potassium perchlorate; potassium permanganate; pregneninolone (anhydrohydroxy progesterone); propyl alcohol, normal; pyrethrum flower and extracts; quassia; quino-linic anhydride; resorcinol; rhamnose; rubber accelerators, anti-oxidants and vulcanisers; salol; salt; *scilla (squill), etc.; sodium arsenate; sodium di-hydrogen phosphate (acid sodium phosphate); storax; strontium nitrate; strontium oxalate; strophanthin; strophanthus; *sulphanilamide and its derivatives; sulphanilic acid; sulphapyridine; tannic acid; terpineol; thiourea and its salts; tin compounds; toluidine and its salts; toluidine blue; trehalose; triacetin; *trinitrophenol; trioxymethylene; tryparsamide; tryptophane; tyrosine; urease; valerian; witch hazel, distilled, etc.; xylose; zinc oxide, etc.

(*Note.*—The items nitrophenol, nitrotoluene, picric acid and trinitrophenol remain subject to export control under the item relating to explosives in Group 17.)

GROUP 15.—*Unexposed sensitised photographic film, etc.

Additions to List

A few substances, either because of shortage of supplies or the need to control distribution, are, on the other hand, added to the list. They are as follows:—

Penicillin and its salts and concentrates, and preparations thereof; uranium, thorium and their compounds; ferro-uranium; and mixtures containing such substances; boric acid and borax; dimethylamine and its salts; paraphenetidine; mixtures of or containing potassium hydroxide and lithium hydroxide; mixtures containing carbon black; ethyl silicate; esterification products of gum copal.

Exporters are advised to consult the Order itself to ascertain the position of goods with which they are concerned; copies may be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, price fourpence.

TRADE REPORT

Spot quotations for pharmaceutical chemicals, crude drugs and essential oils represent the prices for wholesale quantities of standard quality. C.i.f. quotations do not include exceptional marine risk insurance and other abnormal charges payable under present condition

28 Essex Street, W.C.2, September 26

General business in the London drug and chemical markets continues quiet, with few price changes. A good deal of inquiry is being received for export goods, but in many instances the items required are not readily available. Price fluctuations have been more the exception than the rule during recent weeks, and where changes have occurred they have generally amounted to small proportions of the price. The relaxations in export control noted on p. 333 are of considerable interest to the trade, as they point the way to an eventual resumption of export business in drugs and allied products. So far as CRUDE DRUGS are concerned, the list contains only a few items, and it is unlikely that the relaxations will make an appreciable difference to the position. It is noted that some of the articles freed from control are those in short supply. On the other hand, the release from export control of a substantial number of Chemicals is a welcome feature that will materially assist export trade. A further move in the right direction is to be seen in the notice sent out by the Directorate of Medical Supplies, to the effect that it is no longer necessary to submit details of proposed sales of some sixteen crude drugs (aconite, areca nuts, copaiba balsam, Peru balsam, buchu leaves, cannabis indica, cascarilla bark, colocynth pulp, croton seeds, dandelion root, euphorbia herb, guaiacum gum, ispaghula seeds, krameria, sarsaparilla and uva-ursae leaves). The only item of interest to report in Pharma-CEUTICAL CHEMICALS is an advance in the price of Iodides, as a result of a rise in The increase is manufacturing costs. small, being approximately threepence per lb. Business in these goods has moved along slowly at steady prices. A sharp drop in MERCURY prices has been notified by the Ministry of Supply (see p. 336), but details of the schedules were not available at the time of going to press.

Crude Drugs

Although business in Crude Drugs is not important, a fair amount of inquiry is being received. Prices are generally firm at recently reported levels. No changes have occurred in Balsams. Belladonna continues in quiet demand at recently

quoted prices. Cardamoms varieties as slow and unchanged. As noted last weel Mombasa Chilles is rather dearer of spot. Cloves is a quiet market, with the spot price of Zanzibar fractionally easie Ergot continues scarce, with the printed nominal. Gum acacia is firm, but nodvance in price is recorded. A parcel of low-testing Indian Henbane is available a cheap rate. Seeds continue in good in quiry, but little business is being done. Fir arrivals of Senega root appear to hat fetched quite good prices. Some varietie of Carnauba wax are dearer on spot.

Essential Oils

The position of ESSENTIAL and FIXE OILS has shown practically no chang during recent weeks. Supplies of essentia oils outside the control scheme ar negligible. English-distilled NUTMEG i scarce and dear.

Exchange Rates on London

The following is a list of Bank of England fixed rates at the opening on Wednesday morning:—

Centre	Quoted	September 26
*Alexandria Brussels *Chunking Copenhagen Dutch West Indies Paris Lisbon Montreal New York Stockholm Zurich	 Piastres to £ Francs to £ Per \$ Kroner to £ Florins to £ Francs to £ Dollars to £ Dollars to £ Dollars to £ Francs to £	97 \$-97 \$ 176\frac{1}{2}-176\frac{3}{4} 2\frac{3}{1}-3\frac{1}{6} 19.32-19.34 7.58-7.62 199\frac{3}{4}-200\frac{1}{8} 99.80-100.20 4.43-4.47 4.02\frac{1}{2}-4.03\frac{1}{2} 16.8\frac{5}{2}-16.95 17.30-17.40

^{*} Free market rates

Pharmaceutical Chemicals

ASPIRIN.—Prices per lb., for lots of 28 lb. 1 cwt., are as follows (containers in brackets): 4s. 1d. (1-lb.); 3s. 11\frac{1}{2}d. (4-lb.); 3s. 10\frac{1}{2}d. (7-lb.); 3s. 10d. (14-lb.). Terms: Net one month.

BRUCINE.—Current rates per oz. are as follows: Alkaloid.—Under 25 oz., is. 4½d.; 25 oz. and under 100 oz., is. 4d.; 100 oz. and under 500 oz., is. 3½d. Nitrate and Sulphatl.—Under 25 oz., is. 3½d.; 25 oz. and under 100 oz., is. 3d.; 100 oz. and under 500 oz., is. 2½d.

Codeine.—Current prices per oz., for small lots, are as follows: Base.—½ oz., 55s. 3d.; 1 oz.,

s. 9d.; 2 oz., 51s. 3d.; 3 oz., 50s. 6d.; 4 oz., s. 3d. Hydrochloride.—½ oz., 50s.; 1 oz., s. 6d.; 2 oz., 46s.; 3 oz., 45s. 3d.; 4 oz., s. Phosphate.—½ oz., 43s. 9d.; 1 oz., s. 3d.; 2 oz., 39s. 9d.; 3 oz., 39s.; 4 oz., s. 9d.

Dextrose.—Current rates per oz., for all quantities, are as follows: Base.—½ oz., s. 6d.; 1 oz., 56s.; 2 oz., 54s. 6d.; 3 oz., s. 9d.; 4 oz., 53s. 6d. Hydrochloride.— Jz., 54s. 3d.; 1 oz., 51s. 9d.; 2 oz., 5os. 3d.; z., 49s. 6d.; 4 oz., 49s. 3d.

DIAMORPHINE.—Current rates per oz., for all quantities, are as follows: BASE.—½ oz., s. 6d.; 1 oz., 56s.; 2 oz., 54s. 6d.; 3 oz., s. 9d.; 4 oz., 53s. 6d. Hydrochloride.— oz., 54s. 3d.; 1 oz., 51s. 9d.; 2 oz., 50s. 3d.; oz., 49s. 6d.; 4 oz., 49s. 3d.

ETHYLMORPHINE.—Small quantities are quol per oz. by makers as follows: Base.— oz., 61s. 6d.; 1 oz., 59s.; 2 oz., 57s. 6d.; 2., 56s. 9d.; 4 oz., 56s. 6d. Hydrochloride. oz., 53s.; 1 oz., 50s. 6d.; 2 oz., 49s.; 3 oz., 3. 3d.; 4 oz., 48s.

Homatropine.—Makers' prices per oz. are follows (prices per gram in brackets): KALOID.—I oz., 97s. 6d.; 4 oz., 92s. 6d.; oz., 87s. 6d. (6s.). Hydrochloride, hydromide and sulphate.—I oz., 75s.; 4 oz., 16 oz., 65s. (3s. 2d.).

ODINE PREPARATIONS.—Owing to an advance manufacturing costs prices for the home rket have been increased as follows: POTIUM 10DIDE, B.P.—112 lb., 9s. 3d.; 28 lb., 9d.; 14 lb., 10s. 3d.; 7 lb., 11s. 9½d.; 4 lb., 3½d.; smaller quantities, 12s. 9d. per lb. DIUM 10DIDE, B.P.—28 lb., 10s. 2d.; 14 lb., 8d.; 7 lb., 12s. 5½d.; 4 lb., 13s. 1½d.; smaller ntities, 13s. 11d. IODOFORM, B.P.—28 lb., . 10½d.; smaller quantities, 17s. 8d. IODOFORM STALS.—2s. per lb. above powder prices. NINE RESUBLIMED, B.P.—112 lb., 10s. 8d.; b., 11s. 2d.; 14 lb., 17s. 8d.; 7 lb., 13s. 5½d.; c., 14s. 1½d.; smaller quantities, 14s. 10d. IAGNESIUM CARBONATE, LIGHT.—Makers' ne market prices per lb., in quantities of lb.—1 cwt., are as follows (containers in ckets): 1s. 3½d. (1-lb.); 1s. 2d. (4-lb.); 1d. (7-lb.); 1s. 0½d. (14-lb.); 1s. (28-lb.). ces net one month.

lagnesium trisilicate. — Home market es per lb., for quantities of 28 lb.—1 cwt., as follows (containers in brackets): 3s. 9d. b.); 3s. 7½d. (4-lb.); 3s. 6½d. (7-lb.); 3s. 6½d. (1b.); 3s. 5½d. (28-lb.). Prices net one month.

IANDELIC ACID.—In good demand; I lb., per lb.; 4 lb., 20s. 3d.; 7 lb., 18s. 6d.; lb., 16s. 9d.; 28 lb., 15s.

fercury iddides.—The following are the kers' prices per lb.: Red, less than 7 lb., 8d.; not less than 7 lb., 20s. 2d.; not less n 14 lb., 19s. 8d. Green, less than 7 lb., 8d.; not less than 7 lb., 26s. 2d.; not less n 14 lb., 25s. 8d. Yellow, less than 7 lb., 1d.; not less than 7 lb., 27s. 7d.; not less n 14 lb., 27s. 1d.; not less n 14 lb., 27s. 1d. net, carriage paid.

Potassium permanganate.—Cuitent rates are as follows: B.P. (in 1-cwt. drums), 1 cwt. and over, 1s. 8d. per lb.; 3 cwt. and over, 1s. 8d. Technical (in 1-cwt. drums), 1 cwt. and over, 166s. 3d. per cwt.; 3 cwt. and over, 161s. 9d.; 5 cwt. and over, 159s. 3d.; 1 ton and over, 156s. 9d.; 4 tons and over, 154s. 3d. Technical (in 5-cwt. drums), 5 cwt. and over, 156s. 9d. per cwt.; 1 ton and over, 154s. 3d.; 4 tons and over, 152s. Terms quoted are net, carriage paid station, containers extra and returnable.

Santonin.—Prices per kilo are as follows (price per oz. in brackets): 25 kilos, £42 (23s. 1od.); 10 kilos, £43 (24s. 5d.); 5 kilos, £44 (24s. 11d.); 2-4 kilos, £45 (25s. 6d.); 1 kilo, £46 (26s. 1d.); 500 gm., £47 (26s. 8d.); 250 gm., £48 (27s. 3d.); 100 gm., £49 (27s. 9d.); smaller lots, £50 (28s. 4d.).

SODIUM SALICYLATE.—Makers' prices per lb., in quantities of 28 lb.—I cwt., are as follows (containers in brackets): 3s. o½d. (I-lb.); 2s. IId. (4-lb.); 2s. Iod. (7-lb.); 2s. o½d. (14-lb.).

Crude Drugs

Aloes.—Curação is offered on spot at 320s. per cwt.

Antimony.—Prices of English minimum 99 per cent. regulus are steady at £112 10s. per ton, delivered; 70 per cent. crude, for the home trade, £90.

Areca nuts.—Dealers continue to offer wormy material at 85s. per cwt.

BALSAMS.—Peru is steady at 8s. per lb.; Canada, nominal at 12s. 9d.

Belladonna.—English herb continues to be quoted at 4s. 6d. per lb. Indian root, testing or25 per cent., would be worth 2s. 3d. per lb., if available.

BISMUTH.—In steady demand. Price remains at 6s. 3d. per lb. for minimum 5-cwt. lots.

Buchu · Leaves.—Limited quantities are priced on spot at 5s. 3d. per lb.

Cardamoms.—Market slow, prices unchanged. Aleppy greens, spot, 5s. 6d. per lb.; Aleppy seed, 6s. 3d.

Cascarilla.—A parcel of quills due shortly will be offered at 3s. 3d. to 3s. 6d. per lb.

Chaulmoogra.—Hydnocarpus, spot, 2s. per lb., in tins in cases.

Chillies.—Mombasa, spot, 110s. per cwt.

CINNAMON CHIPS.—Quoted on spot at 2s. 2d. per lb., ex store, London.

CLOVES.—Quiet conditions obtain with spot sellers of Zanzibar at is. 5d. per lb.; to arrive, 10½d. per lb., c.i.f.

Cochineal.—Silvers are steady on spot at 5s. gd. per lb.

Cocoa butter.—Maximum official price is is. $5\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb., except for sales under licence.

COLOCYNTH.—Fair white may be obtained on spot at 2s. 6d. per lb.

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Digitalis leaves.—Quiet; prices unchanged. Portuguese, spot, 140s. per cwt.; English, 28. 6d. per lb.

Ergot.—In short supply at 6s. 6d. per lb.

Ginger.—West African quoted on spot at 85s. per cwt.

Gum acacia.—Market continues firm. Kordofan cleaned sorts, spot, 70s. per cwt.; bleached, 175s.; Talha, cleaned, 47s. 6d.

Henbane.—Indian is quoted on spot at 250s. per cwt., and Egyptian (muticus) at 85s. Some low-testing Indian may be had at 9d. per lb.

Jalap.—12 per cent. would be worth 4s. 6d. per lb., and 10.1 per cent., 3s.

Kamala.—Material testing 6 per cent. is quoted at 2s. 9d. per lb.

Karaya gum.—No. 1 gum is quoted on spot at 210s. per cwt.

Liquorice Root.—Turkish, afloat, 85s. per cwt., landed.

Male fern root.—Indian, steady on spot at 77s, 6d, per cwt.

Mercury.—The Ministry of Supply announces that with effect from October 1, the price of mercury metal will be reduced by £38 10s. per bottle. Detailed revised price schedules will be issued in due course.

Myrrh.—Good-quality Aden sorts would bring in £18 per cwt., spot.

Nutmegs.—Supplies are very short; prices between 3s. 5d. and 3s. 9d. per lb. are asked.

Pepper.—Whole, not picked over or cleaned, on sale to processors, is officially priced at 1s. 4d. per lb. for white and 1s. per lb. for black.

Pimento.—Spot sellers at is. 3½d. per lb.

Quassia chips.—Spot is offered at 38s. per cwt., ex store U.K.

Quillaia bark.—Spot, natural, 90s. per cwt.; cut, 110s.

SEEDS.—Quiet and without quotable change on the week. Current rates are as follows: Cori-ANDER.—Indian, none available, price nominal at 92s. 6d. per cwt.; Russian, fair amount here, but demand small, price 92s. 6d.; English, limited stocks, price 90s. to 95s. per cwt. Cumin.—Maltese, 120s., sellers; Indian, same. Dill.—London, 85s.; Liverpool, 80s. Fennet.—Supplies exhausted, nominal. Fenugreek.— London, 75s.; Hull, 70s.

Senega root.—First arrivals seem to have realised about 11s. per lb.

Senna.—Alexandrian hand-picked pods are in good demand; price nominal at 4s. per lb. Good manufacturing Alexandrian pods, 2s. per lb.

Strophanthus seed.—Spot, 100 per cent. Kombé, 7s. 6d. per lb.

Tragacanth.—Medium grades are quoted as follows: No. 1, white, £130 per cwt.; No. 2, white, £115; No. 3, white, £100; No. 4, white, £85; pale leaf, £60; amber leaf, £50; dark amber, £35; brown leaf, £25; red-and-brown leaf, £20; red leaf, from £17; hoggy, £12 to £15. Turmeric.—Quotations for bulk quantiti are difficult to obtain; good-coloured fi powder may be had at 105s. to 110s. per cwt.

Waxes.—Bees'.—Prices of crude for thome trade were given in the C. & D., June p. 570. CANDELILLA.—Spot, 2428. 6d. CA NAUBA.—Fatty grey, spot, 525s.; chalky gre spot, 505s.; prime yellow, spot, 600s.; mediu yellow, 590s. Ouricuri.—Spot, 320s. to 350s according to quality; shipment, 285s., c.i.f.

Essential and Expressed Oils

Castor.—Official prices for bulk supplies a as follows: "Firsts," £82 per ton; "seconds £80, both prices naked ex works.

CLOVE.—English distillers' prices are firm from 12s. 6d. to 13s. per lb., according t quantity.

Cottonseed.—Controlled prices for bul supplies are as follows: Crude, £52 2s. 6d washed, £55 5s.; refined edible, £57; refine deodorised, £58 per ton; all varieties are quote naked ex works.

Nutmeg.—In poor supply; price of English distilled oil would be about 55s. to 6os. per l

OLIVE (EDIBLE).—The price charged to th wholesaler by the importers is 25s. 9d. pe gallon, ex store. Prices charged by wholesaler to retailers are agreed by the Ministry of Foo as follows: 33s. 6d. per gallon, in 1-gallon loa cans; 34s. 3d. per gallon, in ½-gallon loan cans 35s. per gallon, in 1-quart loan cans; 36s. pe gallon, in 1-pint loan cans.

Essential Oils Control

The following is a schedule of prices to user in original packages for oils imported by th Ministry of Food:—

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Basil					plus	dut
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Bergamot	• •		23S.	10ga.		
Camphor			2S.			
Caraway			20S.	9½d.,	plus	dut
			IS.	. 1od.		
Cedarwood					plus	dut
			34			
Clary sage			1298.	. 1½d.	, plus	dut
			11:	s. 6d.		
Coriander			128s.	. rod.	, plus	dut
				s. 6d.		
Fennel					lus du	ty, 1
Lemon, cole	d-press	sed,				
or Sicilian			17S.	4 l d.		
Lemon, disti	lled		IIS.			
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38s. 4d., plus duty, Vetivert 3s. 5d.

Wormseed

15s. 3½d. 15s. 6½d., plus duty, Ylang-ylang ... 1s. 4d.

TRADE MARKS

(From "The Trade Marks Journal," August 29, 1945)

RILLOX''; for brilliantine (3). By Max Factor & Co., c/o Marks & Clerk, 57-58 BRILLOX": 630,457.

for toilet and cosmetic prepara-RADET tions, perfumes, soaps, mouth-washes, etc. (3); and for all goods (5). By C. F. Harcombe Cooper, 59 Bardon Chambers, Infirmary Street, Leeds, 1. 634,065–66 (both

Associated).

1. G. Wiberg" (facsimile signature); for perfumery, soaps, essential oils, toilet and cosmetic preparations (3); and for pharmaceutical preparations (human and veterinary); sanitary preparations; medical and surgical plasters, etc.; antiseptics, disinfectants, deodorisers, insecticides, germicides; medicated shampoos (5). By H. G. Wiberg, 35 Old Bond Street, London, W.I. 634,413-14 (both Associated)

uvenus"; for medicated face creams. (5). By Headland, Keene & Co., Ltd., 68 Fulham

Road, London, S.W.3. 629,886.

vice of hand grasping arrow, with initials "R. C." and word "Limited," and scroll beneath containing words "Nec Minus Fortiter"; for pharmaceutical preparations, medical and surgical plasters, etc., disinfectants (5); also for mineral and aerated waters, syrups, etc., all for sale within a radius of fifty miles from Town Hall of Huddersfield. By R. Cuthbert, Ltd., 10 & 12 Westgate, Huddersfield. B630,562, B630,608. ; for pine disinfectants and antiseptics (5). By S. T. Chemicals, Ltd., 214 Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2. 632,224.

FEDERS'; for pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of the feet (5). By Antiseptic Products, Ltd., 105 Tonbridge Road, Maid-

stone, Kent. B633,105.

HYKINONE"; for medicinal preparations (5). By Abbott Laboratories, c/o Marks & Clerk, 57-58 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2.

KOFFLENE"; for pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of coughs and colds (5). By F. L. Dent, 35A Gaolgate Street, Stafford. 633,763.

CREO-PHENOZEN"; for inhalants for use in treatment of asthma (5). By B. D. Edwards, 5 Beastmarket Hill, Nottingham. 634,307. LUDA"; for weed exterminating preparations (5). By Tomlinson & Hayward, Ltd., 51 Newland, Lincoln. 634,635 (Associated). Esclorone"; for medicated tablets (5). By

W. J. Rendell, Ltd., 161-65 Rosebery Avenue, London, E.C.I. 634,689.

HEXOPAL"; for pharmaceutical preparations
(5). By Bayer Products, Ltd., 14 Waterloo Place, London, S.W.I. 634,833 (Associated).

AMBROSE"; for medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations, and antiseptic and disinfectant preparations (5). By Canton Bros.,

67 Singleton Road, Salford, 7. 634,945.
MICROGYNON" and "MICROVIRON"; for hormones prepared for use in medicine and

pharmacy; "Microluton" for medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations (5). By British Schering, Ltd., 185–90 High Holborn, London, W.C.I. 634,701 and -03; 634,702 (all Associated).

634,702 (all Associated).

"BIBSOL"; for edible oils and fats (29). By
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R.G. 42 Soap Coupons.—M. A.—The number relates to a special page issued separately for inclusion in a baby's ration book and entitling the mother to extra soap. The coupons are labelled "Special Two and numbered 1-48. Under the arrangements described last week (C. & D., September 22, p. 299) coupons from 9 onwards may be surrendered by the customer in exchange for one soap ration per coupon.

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A Coming-of-Age

SIR,—I see by your publication (C. & D., September 22, p. 297) that I am reported as nearly completing fifteen years on the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland. Will you be so kind as to contradict this, as the Society's calendar, corrected to March 10, 1925, shows me as then on the Council. In fact, I have completed twentyone years—a coming-of-age.

Yours faithfully,

Enniscorthy. P. Brooke-Kelly.

Production Control Research

SIR,-I have read with interest in your issue of September 15 an article signed by "Xrayser" in which he refers to the functions of the British Export Trade Research Organisation, vis-à-vis the general subject of the establishment of production control research groups. I think I should point out that B.E.T.R.O.'s functions are solely to carry out market and consumer research overseas and that they would therefore neither overlap nor conflict with production control research.

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Yours faithfully. J. Ross-Mansell, Edgware. On behalf of the organising committee

Coupon Cutting

SIR,—Unless, perhaps, my pharmacy unique, your contributor in last weel C. & D. (p. 299) on coupon cutting mi have just awakened from a long, lo sleep! He writes that chemists were co scripted to the ranks of "clippies" September 16. Surely I am not the on chemist who sells rusks, unmedicat pastilles and tea, and has perforce takcoupons for many weary months.

Yours faithfully, Thame. R. J. Brand.

SIR,—The article on coupon cutting (C. & D., September 22, p. 299) is mo instructive, but in the first paragraph omi the cutting-out of points for rusks, so th the chemist has had a little practice advance of the soap procedure. The method of dealing with the baby ration (R.G. 4 is omitted, and an explanation of this wou have completed the instructions. Judgir by the way these forms have been cancelle by other dealers in soap, there appears be some misunderstanding as to the correway to use these coupons. So far, we have had no instructions as to whether we as to receive further supplies against th coupons surrendered.

Yours faithfully, B. Rushworth. Guiselev.

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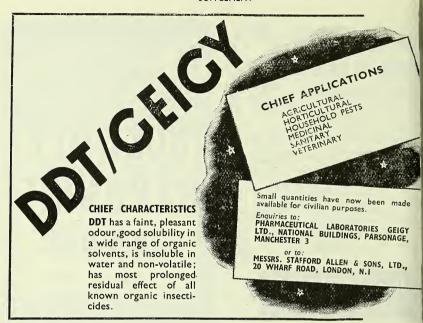
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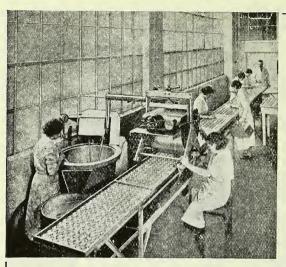
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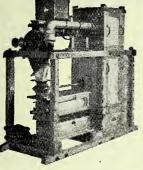
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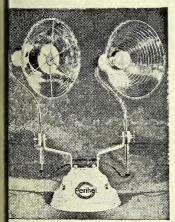


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